



# Trafalgar

## TIMES

THE  
NEWSLETTER  
OF TRAFALGAR  
HOUSING  
ASSOCIATION

Summer 2026

**SUMMER**  
HAS ARRIVED!

**SORRY WE'RE  
CLOSED**

### Office Closure Dates

Please note the office closure dates below for the Summer period.

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (Glasgow Fair)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (Glasgow Fair)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (September Weekend)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (September Weekend)

Should you have an **EMERGENCY REPAIR** during these times please contact our out of hours service Bield on **0800 783 7937**.

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# Enter our 2026 Garden Competition

## CALLING OUR GREEN FINGERED GARDENERS!

Happy Gardening!

A reminder that our annual Garden Competition will take place again this year. This year's gardening competition will be judged by our clerk of works in July/August time. This still gives you time to get those plants in full bloom!

All garden areas of all shapes and sizes will be considered - we love to see our tenants take pride in their garden areas! If you wish your rear garden to be considered please send some pictures in to us on [admin@trafalgarha.co.uk](mailto:admin@trafalgarha.co.uk) or we can arrange a time to visit.

All entries will be judged in July/August 2026. The winner and our runners up will be announced at our AGM in September and will receive a prize. Photos from the winning gardens will be printed in the Autumn edition of our newsletter.



## Good Neighbour Award

### Nominate your Neighbour for an Award

Is your neighbour one in a million? Do they make a difference to your life or the lives of people in your community?

This is a chance for you to say 'thank you' to a neighbour who goes out of their way to help you and others, someone who shows kindness and consideration.

The winner of this award receive **£50 worth of vouchers** and a certificate. We would also like the winner to be featured in an article on the award and why they won it in our next newsletter.

If you would like to nominate your neighbour for

this award please send an email to [admin@trafalgarha.co.uk](mailto:admin@trafalgarha.co.uk) or write to our office at:

**Trafalgar Housing Association**  
430a Dumbarton Road  
Dalmuir, G81 4DX  
Clydebank

In the email or letter please include the name of the person that you would like to nominate, the reason why you think they should win the award and their address.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept nominations from relatives or anyone living in the same property.



# Join our Management Committee

We are actively looking for local residents from Trafalgar Street/Dumbarton Road area and the Terraces/Radnor Park area to join our Management Committee.

You will join a fantastic group of members, take part in making important decisions for the Association and play your part to make a positive impact for your community

This is a voluntary unpaid role. New members will be provided with necessary equipment and comprehensive training. Meetings take place in the evening once every 4 weeks and are currently conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams.

## How do I join?

If you wish to join the Management Committee you must firstly become a General Member of the Association (see page 5). If you apply you could be invited on to fill any 'casual vacancies' that exist. However, you would then need to be formally elected at the next AGM (Annual General Meeting) which takes place every September.

If you are interested in this opportunity please visit our website at [www.trafalgarha.co.uk](http://www.trafalgarha.co.uk) and download an application form and recruitment pack from the 'Get Involved' section of our website.

## Have you thought about becoming a housing association committee member?

**It's a great way to volunteer in your community and help change it for the better.**

Local housing associations provide affordable rented housing for a wide range of people who need it. They provide quick, efficient repairs and other services, and some are also involved in building new homes.

Community based housing associations often provide all kinds of other services to support local people –

such as benefits and fuel advice, help with getting into employment, and places for people to hold meetings and community activities.

Housing association staff members are paid professionals, but associations are run by voluntary committee members, and usually the majority live in the local area.

### Here are some of the benefits of serving on the committee...

#### Benefits for you

- Gain confidence, build a sense of achievement, improve your self-esteem and have a new sense of purpose.
- Develop your understanding, skills and knowledge, add to your CV, and potentially open new career paths.
- Be involved in a stimulating and mutually supportive environment where your views are heard.
- Meet new people, develop friendships, and socialise with others with a shared commitment.
- Attend social & networking events, as well as training courses, to build up your skills.
- Open up opportunities to apply to serve on important national/regional bodies in the housing sector.
- Become a part of one of the most important and effective movements for physical and social improvement that has happened in Scotland over the last 40 years.
- Get personal satisfaction from giving something back to the local community whilst making a real difference.
- Broaden your horizons and have fun along the way!

#### Benefits for the association and the wider community

- You'll help to raise awareness of the Association's work both within the local community and beyond.
- The time and energy you commit to the Association will directly contribute to its work in improving the quality of life for tenants and the wider community.
- You can help to ensure good quality housing and services.
- As a voluntary committee member you'll join hundreds of local people and other volunteers who play such a crucial role in taking forward the work of community controlled housing associations in Scotland.



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# BECOME A GENERAL MEMBER OF TRAFALGAR FOR JUST £1



Anyone can become a General Member of the Association as long as you are aged 16 or over and meet the requirements set out in our rules which are available to view online at: [www.trafalgarha.co.uk/becoming-a-general-member](http://www.trafalgarha.co.uk/becoming-a-general-member).

Membership costs just £1 and you will remain a member for as long as you reside within the area.

By becoming a member of the Association you are eligible to vote at the AGM, which takes place every September. This will allow you to influence how the Association operates.

To become a member of Trafalgar Housing Association please fill out the information below, cut out this application form and return it to our office.

**I would like to apply for membership of Trafalgar Housing Association and I have enclosed £1.00 for one share.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to hear more information about joining the Management Committee

YES / NO

## Committee Meeting Updates

Our last Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 remotely over Microsoft Teams.

### Items of interest discussed at our recent committee meetings:

- Consolidated Action Plan Update
- Internal Audit Plan
- Qtr 4 Management Accounts
- Five Year Financial Projections
- Review of Risk Register
- Health and Safety Report
- Directors Report

### Where can I view the minutes from the Committee meetings?

The minutes from our Management Committee meetings can be viewed on our website at [www.trafalgarha.co.uk](http://www.trafalgarha.co.uk) under the 'Documents' section.

We are always looking for new members to join our Management Committee to take part in important decisions. Recently this has included deciding the future of Trafalgar Housing Association in our Options Appraisal. We are delighted to confirm that the Management Committee voted in favour of remained independence for the Association.



# What's Happening

## Notice Boards

You may have seen notice boards going up in your close. These will be used to keep you updated with any important information the Association wants to share with you. We will advise of any important events, stair cleaning days and general information. If your close does not yet have a noticeboard, you will be getting one soon.



## Playpark Upgrade

As advised in our spring newsletter we are upgrading the playpark on Trafalgar St. Following the upgrade the park should include some trimtrail items, a 3-way ball shooter, an activity panel and a basket swing. Work on this should hopefully begin in September and will require closure of the park for up to 2 weeks. Fencing will be put up to prevent access to the park at this time. Please ensure your child understands the importance of staying out the park during this time for health and safety reasons.



## Y-Sort-It



Y Sort-It is an innovative youth project that provides information and support to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 in West Dunbartonshire.

Our project is directed by a Youth Management Board of young people who use the service and this gives us a unique insight into the needs of young people in the area.

We are based at 5 West Thomson Street in Clydebank and we provide drop in facilities, an internet suite with free internet access, chill out areas and meeting rooms. Many of our services are delivered on the streets of West Dunbartonshire using our groundbreaking Y Sort-It Mobile Information Cyber Station and outreach team.

**Young Carers** – if you are someone who looks after your mum, dad, other relatives or a friend providing them with the kind of help that is usually provided by an adult then we would like to hear from you. The Young Carers Group meet regularly for help and support with the pressures of being a young carer.

**Mums & Munchkins** – designed to help young mothers with their child by offering a wide variety of advice on motherhood and the challenges you may face. The group meets on a Thursday afternoon 1.00pm – 3.00pm in the Hub CE Centre in Clydebank. The cost of public transport (bus/train) to attend the group can be refunded with proof of purchase.

**Fusion Group** – an LGBT youth group for those 25 years and under who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/sexual and their friends. We aim to offer support, advice and information to help young people become comfortable with their sexuality. The group is scheduled to meet every Monday night in the main Y-Sort-It base 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

**Wrecked & Wasted** – an initiative to raise awareness, change behaviours and attitudes amongst West Dunbartonshire's 15-25 year olds to the dangers, health risks and social impacts of alcohol and drug misuse.

For more information on any of the above please contact [info@ysortit.com](mailto:info@ysortit.com) or call 0141 941 3308.

# RUBBISH, LITTER AND BULK ITEMS

Unfortunately we have noticed an increased volume of litter, rubbish and bulk items being left across our estates.

Please be mindful when disposing of your general waste that it is secured in a tied rubbish sack and placed inside your black general waste bin. General waste, sanitary waste and food items poses a serious health and safety risk to the children and residents in our communities and is a major contributing factor in attracting vermin. If your property does not have an allocated bin in please contact the association to discuss.

**Trafalgar Housing Association provides a bulk uplift service on the last Friday of each month, please bear this in mind**

when planning on disposing of large bulk items such as furniture, white goods or even bulk cardboard boxes. Should these items be left outside prior to the last Friday of the month the tenant is responsible for the removal of these items themselves and should not be left for any period of time leading up to the last Friday of the month.

Trafalgar has always taken a lot of pride in the presentation of our estate and it is in

everyone's best interest to ensure our estates stay clean and tidy and contributes to being an enjoyable area to live.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you witness anyone dumping any of these items as stated above as this is a breach of tenancy and appropriate action can be taken, if we are made aware at the time.



## Research Resource

**WIN A  
£20 ASDA  
VOUCHER!**

Research Resource will now be carrying out the Association's Satisfaction Surveys and Repairs Satisfaction Surveys.

These surveys help the Association to identify areas of tenant concern and make appropriate service changes. The feedback also tells us what you think we are doing well!

We are keen to get feedback from our tenants and offer various survey methods to enable you to participate, including postal, online, face to face and telephone interviews. If you would like the questionnaire in large print, please let us know. If English is not your first language, we provide multilingual tools to allow you to share your feedback with the Association. Please let us know if you have a preference regarding how you would like to participate.

We can assure you the information you provide will be treated as confidential and will only be used on behalf of the Association and regulated business.



To help the Association continue to provide a high level of service, we would be grateful if you could assist by participating in the surveys when contacted.

Everyone who provides a response to the monthly repair survey is automatically entered into a random prize draw with the winner receiving a £20 Asda voucher!

If you ever have an urgent enquiry or feedback you can contact the office at any time during normal office hours on **0141 952 4676** or email us at **admin@trafalgarha.co.uk**

If you would like some information on how to become more involved in decision making at Trafalgar please contact the office and we would happily discuss this with you at a time that suits you.



**SFRS YOUTH  
VOLUNTEER SCHEME  
DUMBARTON**

## **DUMBARTON**

2 Castlegreen Street,  
Dumbarton, G82 1EA

Empowering young people to work together for a safer Scotland

# Dumbarton Youth Volunteer Scheme

The Youth Volunteer Scheme (YVS) is a national programme for young people aged 12–18. It gives young people the chance to learn new things, help in their community, and work towards a safer Scotland. The YVS in West Dunbartonshire is based at Dumbarton Fire Station, 2 Castlegreen Street, Dumbarton G82 1EA.

The YVS is a safe and welcoming place where young people can learn about the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). It can help to build confidence, communication skills and vital teamwork skills. It can help to develop skills for a future career in the fire service, but also in everyday life. Cadets take part in drills, community events, fundraising and learn about safety and prevention.

For more information on how to join see below – stating the Dumbarton Station as preferred location.

<https://firescotland.workflowcloud.com/forms/a980bdd6-7740-4e7f-ae1e-8422ed29dc06>

# Residents Panel

We are always looking for new members and all tenants/residents over the age of 16 are welcome. This is a voluntary unpaid role; but one that is very important to the ongoing success of the Association and to ensure your voice is heard. It can also allow you to meet your neighbours, enhance your skills and experience and positively impact your local community.

We appreciate your time is valuable, therefore the meetings will be every 2 months and we will try to make them at a time that suits you.

If you are interested in joining our Residents Panel please email us at [admin@trafalgarha.co.uk](mailto:admin@trafalgarha.co.uk), or you can call us on **0141 952 4676**.



# Trafalgar Together

## Emergency Food Cupboard

Please remember that our emergency food cupboard is available for those who are in need of food, toiletries, pet food, baby food, nappies or other essentials. If you find yourself in need of some emergency supplies, you can visit the office or call for delivery to your door if required. Please contact us if you are struggling and we will help you in any way we can.





water safety  
Scotland

# WATER SAFETY CODE



## Stop and Think, Spot the Dangers

If you are thinking of being near or entering the water, have you considered the following?



Be aware of cold water shock



Keep off all frozen waters



Check for safety signage



Avoid alcohol and drugs



The **depth** of the water may hide **underwater ledges, hidden currents and unseen items**



Be aware of other water activities



If it is **safe to enter the water**, ensure you have a safe way out



At the coast, consider rip currents, wind and the tide



## Stay Together, Stay Close

It is better to go near the water with a friend or family member



If you are in trouble in the water, float until you feel calm

Lean back, extend your arms and legs

Float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety



## In an Emergency, Call 999



If you see someone in trouble **DO NOT** enter the water



Look for a throw line or life ring to help whilst you wait on the emergency services



Call 999 or 112

**TOP TIP: Thinking of taking part in a planned activity?**

To enjoy your activity to the full, check that your provider is fully insured, with skilled staff and the relevant accreditation.

# SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

27 JUNE – 16 AUGUST 2026

Leisure



**FREE YOUTH SWIMMING**  
11AM – 3PM  
(£1.50 at other times)



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12PM – 4PM  
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## FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVE

SUPPORTING PARENTS IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE INTO EMPLOYMENT



**A New and Exciting Opportunity For Parents in West Dunbartonshire**

Join us for a 7-week programme  
1 day a week  
10 am - 2pm  
designed to support parents as they explore employment, learning, and personal growth – all in a friendly, welcoming environment.





Family support


Includes-

- Fully funded training courses
- Identifying Transferable skills
- Inspiring guest speakers
- Learn many more valuable and motivating skills
- Ongoing 1-2-1 Employability support


Whether you're preparing to return to work or just want to connect with others and build new skills – CONTACT US

 0141 951 1131


 [NOLB@thelennoxpartnership.org](mailto:NOLB@thelennoxpartnership.org)



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## Unemployed and living in West Dunbartonshire? Feel Stuck Looking for Work?

Support to help increase confidence and personal motivation

Gespoke in work support

2 week work placement

Tailored journey to sustainable employment

# Positive Pathways

Industry Specific Training

Accredited Qualifications opportunities

Effective Job searching

CV and application support

**Contact us**

 0141 951 1131

 [nolbwest@thelennoxpartnership.org](mailto:nolbwest@thelennoxpartnership.org)



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# Cardboard Vase Flower Threading Craft

Summer can be a good time to get out in the sunshine and enjoy a walk or spend time in the garden. A fun activity to entice kids out is creating their own vase made with real flowers.

## Step 1

Draw your vase on the lower half of the cardboard. Include a funky design and colour it in.



## Step 2

Punch flower holes in your cardboard using your sharp pencil. You can add as many or as few holes as you like. The more holes the fuller the arrangement will look.



## Step 3

Go on a flower hunt. This is the best part of this activity! Head out in to the garden or go on a nature walk and pick the brightest flowers you can find. Make sure to leave a stem on the flower for threading.

## What you need..

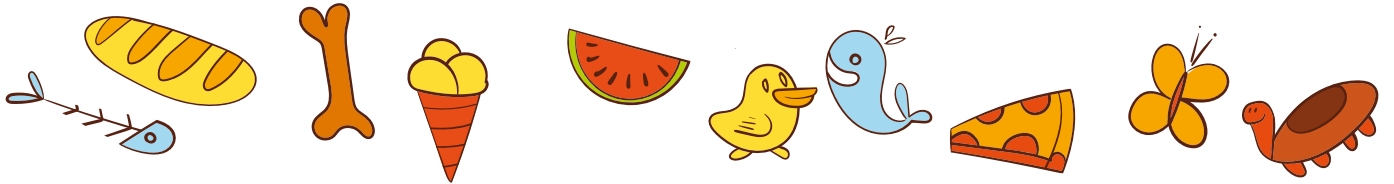
- A large piece of cardboard
- A selection of coloured pens
- A sharp pencil
- Freshly picked flowers and leaves

## Step 4

Thread and arrange your bouquet by feeding the flower stem from front to back of the cardboard until all the holes are filled.



# FIND 10 HIDDEN OBJECTS IN THE PICTURE



# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



**TRAFALGAR HOUSING ASSOCIATION** 0141 952 4676

**EMERGENCY REPAIRS (OUT OF HOURS)**  
Bield 0800 783 7937

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Breathing Space 0800 838587

CARA  
(Challenging & Responding to Abuse) 01389 738595

Goldenhill Resource Centre 0141 941 4400

Primary Care Mental Health Team 01389 828203

Riverview Resource Centre 01389 812070

Stepping Stones 0141 941 2929

Samaritans 116 123

Vale Centre for Health and Care 01389 828200

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Emergency Homelessness 0800 197 1004

WDC Main Number 01389 737000

WD Carers Centre 0141 941 1550

WD Mental Health Forum 01389 742294

WD Welfare Rights 0800 980 9070

## POLICE

Emergency 999

Non- Emergency 101

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service 01389 726543

NHS 24 111

West Dunbartonshire CAB 0800 484 0136

West Dunbartonshire Advice Service 01389 776929

West Dunbartonshire CVS 0800 484 0136

Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels 07368 496836

West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare 0800 345 7050

Crisis Counselling 0141 812 8474

Dumbarton Council on Alcohol - Clydebank 0141 952 0881

Alternatives - Clydebank 0141 951 2420

Women's Self Injury Helpline 0808 800 8088

Trauma Counselling Line 0808 802 0406

Women's Aid Clydebank 0141 952 8188

Y Sort It 0141 941 3308

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